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HOMICIDE

Shocking murder has Ottawa ties

Haley Ritchie
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Both suspect and victim in a shocking murder involving two Toronto doctors once attended school in Ottawa.

Toronto Western Hospital neurosurgeon Mohammed Shamji, 40, was arrested Friday and charged with first-degree murder. He's the main suspect in the murder of Elana Fric-Shamji, his wife and a fellow doctor.

Shamji made a brief court appearance Saturday morning, dressed in a white prison jumpsuit. He will remain in custody his next court appearance on Dec. 20.

Shamji attended Ashbury College in Ottawa before completing his neurosurgery residency program at the University of Ottawa.

Fric-Shamji also went to school in Ottawa, attending the University of Ottawa for medical school from 1999 to 2003. She went on to complete her residency in family medicine at the school.

The couple's children are currently with Fric-Shamji's mother, according to police.

Toronto homicide investigator Det. Sgt. Steve Ryan told reporters police have spoken to witnesses and believed there had been an altercation in the couple's home.

According to police, Fric-Shamji was strangled and suffered blunt force trauma of some kind.

Dr. Daisy Fung, an assistant professor of family medicine at the University of Alberta, said a tight-knit, across-Canada group of physicians are now arranging a memorial. They are hoping to arrange a trust fund for the three children.

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Until Mother Nature co-operates with the Rideau Canal, Ottawa skaters are following their Rink of Dreams

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Beatrice, 3, gets some help on the Rink of Dreams from her dad Monty. The entire family was enjoying the opening of the rink on Sunday. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

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AIDS memorial designed using artist's own story

TRIBUTE

City Hall backs monument for those affected by the disease

Ryan Tumilty
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If organizers can find the funding they hope to have a permanent memorial to those who lost their battle with AIDS and everyone still fighting by next summer.

The AIDS committee of Ottawa have received council's support for building a memorial at City Hall and revealed the winning artist and design last week.

Gustavo Hannecke, who has been living with AIDS for more than two decades, said he felt inspired to be a part of the project.

"I am HIV positive, so it's very personal to me," he said.

Hannecke said having a memorial will show the community they are cared for and loved.

"It's a very strong statement. We live with a stigma, people are not able to say they are HIV positive, because of the stigma we live with," he said.

"It's a way to fight the stigma."

Khaled Salam, executive director of the AIDS Committee of Ottawa, said the memorial is something many other cities have and it was time to bring one to Ottawa.

"It's meant to be a sanctuary, a place of healing, a place where people can come together," he said.

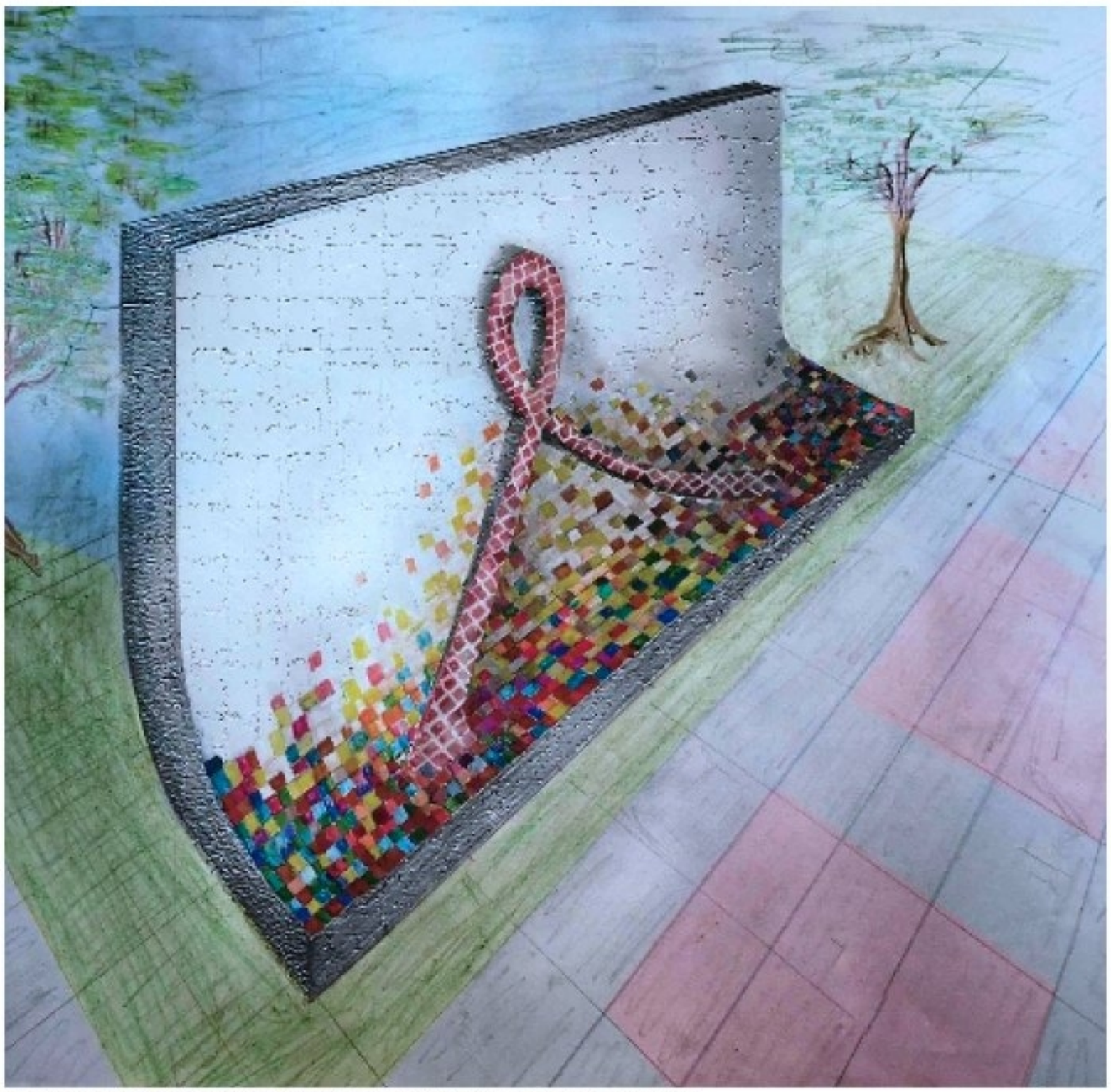
He said the memorial will be a place to remember those who died from the disease but will also do more than that.

"It also honours those who are still living with HIV and fighting," he said.

The committee's goal is to address the remaining details with the city soon and then start fundraising for the cost of the installation.

Salam said they hope to have the memorial in place for the 150th celebrations this summer.

The history of AIDS is an important part of the city's history as well, he said.



The memorial will go in Marion Dewar Plaza outside Ottawa City Hall. CONTRIBUTED

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> Khaled Salam

COMMITTING TO MEMORY

Gustavo Hannecke on the ideas behind design

The planned memorial will be a curved wall that will go from flat along the ground to vertical. The wall will be covered in small tiles.

"Each tile represents a person living with HIV or someone who has died from AIDS in Ottawa," he said.

In addition, the wall will have a large red ribbon made out of tiles.

"The red ribbon represents the support system we have within society," he said.

CONSTRUCTION

City looks at shoddy materials in roads

The city may not be getting the most bang for your buck when it comes to spending on asphalt.

In an overwhelmingly positive review of the city's infrastructure services, auditor Ken Hughes said they weren't able to determine if the city is getting good value for asphalt.

He said they had trouble finding information from other municipalities and making comparisons to see if they were getting good prices, as the city appears to do for other major items.

Hughes said it's worth making sure the city is getting good value.

> **We have been adjusting our specifications to ensure we are getting projects that will last.**
> Alain Gonthier

"Roads are important. We all take them, we spend a good part of our day on roads and they're expensive," he said.

Alain Gonthier, the city's director of infrastructure services, said the city is constantly keeping an eye on the costs for road material and they have had some concerns recently about the cost and quality of asphalt.

Gonthier said they're confident they are getting good prices, because of the competitive bidding process they use, but they do want to make sure the roads hold up over the long term.

He said municipalities across the province are having the same issues, so they are working on tweaking requirements.

"We have seen roads that are starting to crack a little earlier and we have been adjusting our specifications to ensure we are getting projects that will last," he said.

He said asphalt quality could be one issue, but that's only one part of road construction.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Big-league coach in the little league

Former Senator Radek Bonk is behind the bench for the Kanata Blazers peewee team ... and he's loving it.

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Radek Bonk is back in Ottawa and he's staying close to the ice.

The former Ottawa Senator is on the coaching staff of a Kanata Blazers peewee team, making notes, sketching plays on a clipboard and offering advice between periods.

Like any other Blazers coach, he walks down the Bell Sensplex bench after his team scores a goal, tapping the helmets below him in celebration — one of them his son's. His son Oliver wears the familiar No. 14.

"I'm loving coaching," Bonk said after Oliver's team closed out the game with a win.

During the game, Bonk spent most of the time watching the defence — a state of affairs that would make his former Sens coach, Jacques Martin, proud. Bonk said he doesn't always stick with the defence.

"I go where they need me."

About midway through his 10 years in Ottawa, Martin shifted him into a new role — as a checking centre — and that saw Bonk line up against opponents' top lines, including Mario Lemieux and Wayne Gretzky. Over time, he became one of the best shutdown centres in the league.

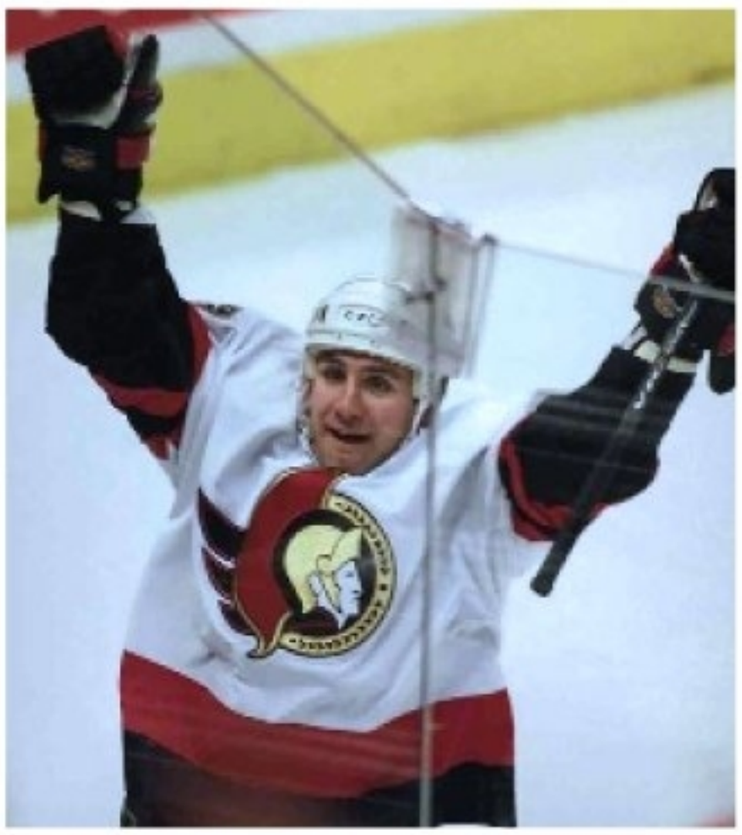
"Jacques Martin made me into a defensive centre," Bonk said.

"Two-way centre suited me. I got more transitional scoring and had some of my best years.

"I learned a lot from him, and hopefully I can give back to the kids."

At age 40, Bonk is still quick with a smile and looks fit enough to jump over the boards and play the game he learned in his native Czech Republic. His Czech accent is still there as he chats about the past, and about the kids he's coaching today.

There is life after the NHL, and Bonk faced another big change, choosing to head back to the Czech Republic, where he played another five years of hockey in Trinic, in the country's top tier, the Extraliga. He retired as a player in 2014.



Left: Bonk stands behind the bench during a recent Kanata Blazers game. NEVIL HUNT/METROLAND
Above: Bonk celebrates a goal during his playing days with the Ottawa Senators. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

> I always loved Ottawa. Canada is a great country, and my wife's family is here.
> Radek Bonk

The Trinic Ocelari — whose nickname means Steelers — are located near Bonk's hometown of Krnov.

"I got to play in front of my family," Bonk said of his five seasons in Trinic, adding the level of play there is very good: "They're serious about hockey."

With his pro career over, Bonk could have lived just about anywhere. He could have picked any of the cities he'd lived in across North America or stayed in the Czech Republic, but he was due for another change — and Kanata was his pick.

"I always loved Ottawa," he said. "Canada is a great country, and my wife's family is here."

Bonk, his wife Jill and their four children have been back in Ottawa for a little more than a year.

Bonk has returned to the ice, but like any recreational league player, he has to pay to play.

First he tried a summer league, and then the Ottawa Travellers Hockey League, which the scoresheets say was a little too easy for him.

He notched nine goals and eight assists in 10 games and may have single-handedly forced the league to move his team up a few divisions to face tougher competition.

Being around kids hockey will also require Bonk to make another adaptation.

After all those airplanes to Sens games, Habs games and Predators games, peewee players — and their coaches — watch the miles roll by at a more leisurely pace. And Bonk has to call it a night, head home, and get some sleep.

"We're up at 6 a.m. to take a bus to Boston for a tournament."

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Four things to see as city lights up

Here's where to check things out this week at the 32nd edition of Christmas Lights Across Canada.

HALEY RITCHIE METRO

1 Parliament Hill Light Show (Wednesday)

The 32nd edition of Christmas Lights Across Canada kicks off on December 7 (Wednesday) with an official illumination ceremony on Parliament Hill starting at 7 p.m. There will be beavertails, hot chocolate and marshmallows. This year also includes live music, pyrotechnics and an art installation prismatica. The winter multimedia show will loop every night from 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. until December 25.

Xavier Trudeau, son of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, snacks on a Beavertail pastry during last year's launch of Christmas Lights Across Canada on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

2 Upper Canada Village (Friday)

From now until January 7, the Upper Canada Village will be "alight at night" with thousands of fairy lights and holiday decorations. All it takes is an hour's drive from Ottawa to be transported back to an 1860s Christmas. This week the display is open to the public from Thursday December 8 until December 11 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

3 Museum of Canadian History (Tuesday)

The tallest outdoor Christmas tree in the region will be at the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau this year. The Christmas tree celebrates Canada's 150th birthday and will stand 14.3 metres high. Head to the museum on Tuesday, December 6 at 6 p.m. for the official lighting of the tree. There will be hot chocolate and beaver bites as well as Christmas carols

4 National Gallery (Thursday)

Another beautiful tree worth seeing this week is at the National Gallery. The tree will be officially lit on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. There will be hot chocolate and Christmas carols performed by Stellae Boreales.

TRANSIT

City on track with light rail, auditor says

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

The city's auditor general found that On Track 2018 may be more than just a marketing slogan and the city is prepared for the Confederation Line.

The new $2.1 billion LRT line is scheduled to open in 2018 and the city auditor reviewed the systems the city has in place to make the transition to the new line.

They found that while there have been issues with the train vehicles, they should be in place to get service underway and that there is a good plan for putting the system into service.

They found that the train simulator for teaching drivers how to operate the trains should be in place, but even if it's not the city had a good back-up plan.

Deputy auditor Ed Miner told councillors that there could still be hurdles, but they couldn't find anything the city should be doing that it isn't.

> **There is nothing that should be in place that is not in place.**
> Ed Miner

"We can not guarantee that the transition is going to go smoothly, however there is nothing that should be in place that is not in place," he said.

More audits on the LRT transition are set to come to council next year that will look at more details of the plan.

A worker inside the downtown LRT tunnel. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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OTTTAWA HOSPITAL

Sir John Carling site selected as 'best location' for campus

The Ottawa Hospital and local politicians have reached a compromise on the location of a new Civic Campus.

Officials said Friday morning that the new hospital would be built on the site of a former federal office complex, the Sir John Carling Building, on the eastern edge of the Central Experimental Farm near Dow's Lake.

"We believe that the Sir John Carling location provides the best location to build the hospital of the future," said Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, who convened a meeting this week of hospital officials as well as federal and provincial politicians to resolve an impasse over the Civic's future location. "Overall the Sir John Carling site is a win for the patients and the residents of Ottawa."

Friday's announcement is the latest dramatic twist in a nearly nine-year odyssey for the Ottawa Hospital to find a new location for the Civic, parts of which are nearly a century old.

Last week, the National Capital Commission said Tunney's Pasture was the best location for a new campus.

The Ottawa Hospital, however, disagreed and cited concerns about cost, vehicle access and construction timelines. Its top pick was the Experimental Farm, across Carling Avenue from the current hospital.

Ottawa Hospital CEO Jack Kitts told the press conference that Tunney's Pasture "wasn't an option." He says that while the NCC engaged with the Ottawa Hospital during its consultation, the board did not consult with hospital administration before making its final decision.

Ottawa Centre MP Catherine McKenna defended the NCC's process in coming to its Tunney's Pasture recommendation, calling it a "great public consultation." She said that while the group had reached a different conclusion, it aligned well with the criteria established during the NCC's consultation of an accessible, central location that preserved green space. CRAIG LORD/OTTAWA BUSINESS JOURNAL

The Sir John Carling building, which stood on the experimental farm, was demolished in 2014. The new Ottawa hospital building will be built on the site after a deal was reached Friday. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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University of Ottawa student Gwyn Moen laces up for the newly opened Rink of Dreams on Sunday afternoon with her mother Alison, visiting from Vancouver. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

Skaters flock to Rink of Dreams

RECREATION

Rideau Canal to open when city sees colder temperatures

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Skating season has officially begun and things are beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Ottawa, but the city's largest rink will still be a few weeks at least.

Skaters filled the Rink of Dreams on Saturday outside City Hall with beavertails and a visit from Santa Claus.

On Sunday afternoon the rink was still busy, with skaters of all ages and abilities taking a go on the fresh ice.

Gwyn Moen, a second year student at the University of Ottawa, brought her mother, visiting from Vancouver, to go skating on Sunday.

Moen said she made it onto the Rideau Canal last year, despite the short season, and has plans to take to it again this year.

"For learning to skate or beginners, I'd recommend the Rink of Dreams because the canal is very rough and you have to go somewhere. It's a farther walk back if you need to turn around," she said.

"But it's great. This year I'd like to do the full canal, that's my goal," she said.

While the refrigerated rink has opened for the season, Ottawa's largest skating rink is still waiting on the cold weather. On Saturday the National Capital Commission's official account tweeted, "the #RideauCanal Skateway team is ready! We expect the collaboration of Mother Nature."

The NCC, residents and tourists might need to wait a few weeks longer for Mother Nature to do her part. The canal doesn't usually open until the end of the December or mid-January.

Last year the canal didn't open until January 23 and closed on February 25. The season was also incredibly short — a record-breaking 18 days long.

This year Environment Canada is predicting average higher temperatures, but not nearly as mild as last year.

The canal requires a minimum of 30 centimetres of "good quality ice" to open to the public. The water needs to reach a uniform temperature of 4 C before ice even begins to form.

> **This year I'd like to do the full canal.**
> Gwyn Moen

Right-wing extremism exists in Canada

But Canadian values and laws make it difficult for people similar to U.S.-based white nationalists to unite north of the border.

KRISTEN THOMPSON FOR METRO

The morning after Donald Trump won the U.S. presidential election, many Canadians took to social media to express dismay, mixed with and a hefty dose of smugness. "Thankful to live in Canada" people wrote. "Good luck, 'Merica."

Almost as quickly, hate crimes began to be noticed on this side of the border. To suggest these were the work of trolls ignores the reality that right-wing extremism already existed here.

The reality is that roots of the right-wing movement in Canada can be traced back more than a century. Trump's win has simply given legitimacy to those who already held racist, homophobic and sexist beliefs. People are calling it "the Trump effect" — the idea that his rhetoric is emboldening racists in the U.S., and here at home.

"The Trump election has brought these seedy characters out of the shadows," says Barbara Perry, a professor in the faculty of Social Science and Humanities at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, who specializes in hate crime.

CANADA VS. THE U.S.

The far-right in the U.S. and in Canada share many of the same core values: They tend to believe the "white" way is under attack, are usually anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim, and hold homophobic and misogynistic beliefs.

Those who subscribe to the American far right in particular also tend to be highly nationalistic, suspicious of government, and passionate about individual liberties such as the right to own guns.

The Canadian context is a little different, according to Ryan Scrivens, a PhD student at Simon Fraser University who studies criminology and right wing extremism. For one, there is less emphasis on gun rights and survivalism. And the far-right network on this side of the border is less organized, and suffers from discord and infighting.

WHAT KEEPS THEM FROM ORGANIZING

Hey,
WHITE PERSON
• Tired of political correctness?
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• Figured out that diversity only means 'less white people'?

This poster found in Toronto recently caused outrage across the country. TWITTER.COM

Canada's history is different from that of the U.S., and the path we carved out for ourselves has led to a relatively tolerant society that celebrates diversity. This set of values makes it hard for extremism to take root here, so say our experts.

When talking about "the seething racial tensions and xenophobia, I'd have to say we are far off that boiling point," says Arne Kislenko, Associate Professor of History at Ryerson University, and an instructor in the International Relations Program at the University of Toronto.

"Canada is no paradise, and we have many problems of our own, including those related to discrimination and racism. But we have, I think, built a comparably more harmonious, open, and liberal society that stands fundamentally opposed to the kind of divisions we have seen exposed in the U.S."

WE HAVE DIFFERENT LAWS

If racist sentiment flourishes in an environment where it's not challenged, then perhaps our hate laws — and the U.S.' lack thereof — play a key role in that.

"White supremacists exist in Canada, but it's illegal to draw swastikas on the side of synagogues," says Ayesha S. Chaudhry, Associate Professor of Islamic Studies and Gender Studies at UBC.

BUT WE'RE NOT PERFECT

"This is a wake up call for all of us not to tolerate injustice in our communities," says Chaudhry. "We really need think about the way that we systematically (condone) inequality in our justice system. The fact that we have a higher incarceration rate (for certain groups) means we are structurally discriminating against them, so it's important for Canadians to come together and look at this seriously."

Chaudhry adds that these groups thrive in an environment that doesn't acknowledge or stand up against them, and the media has a responsibility to keep this conversation alive, and interrogate people who espouse views that reflect intolerance.

ALBERTA

Ralliers call for Notley to be locked up

Federal Conservative leadership hopeful Chris Alexander says he didn't stop a crowd calling for Alberta Premier Rachel Notley to be locked up because politicians need to listen to constituents.

The former immigration minister was speaking at a rally against the provincial NDPs' planned carbon tax Saturday when protesters began the "Lock her up" chant popularized during Donald Trump's campaign.

"I totally disapprove of that particular chant. I don't think it's fair. I don't think it's the right thing to say at a rally or elsewhere, and that's why I didn't join it," Alexander said Sunday.

The Edmonton rally was organized by Rebel Media, an online news and right-wing opinion outlet, and video of the incident was posted on Twitter by the website's Alberta bureau chief Sheila Gunn Reid.

The video shows the ralliers start by chanting "Vote her out," but as they grow louder, the message changes.

As they chant "Lock her up," Alexander smiles and appears to gesture in time with the chant, nodding along.

Someone can be heard shouting, "That's enough! That's enough!" in the background, and as Alexander smiles and nods.

At no point in the video does Alexander stop the protesters or say anything about their chant.

"You don't pick it up in the video, but I started to say the words in time with them, 'Vote her out,' and then the next point I made was about the ballot box," he said. "I expressed my disapproval by talking about something completely different: voting. I think that was pretty clear."

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Tory leadership candidate Chris Alexander speaks during the leadership debate in Saskatoon on Nov. 9.

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RELIGION

Being a sister in 2016 more different than ever

Sheila Sullivan was one of 58 prospective religious sisters to join Montreal's Congregation de Notre-Dame in 1964.

In 2016, only one woman in Canada has applied to join the religious community.

As church attendance declines and the community shrinks with age, some of Notre-Dame's sisters are carving out a new reality in a secular age: one that includes embracing social media and, at times, modern activism.

The congregation's activities are chronicled on their social media accounts: interviews with sisters on YouTube; Twitter links to articles on ending violence toward women; and Facebook posts documenting recent gatherings.

Their website has a section on social justice and environmental issues, as well as a page titled "To Be A Sister In 2016."

Sullivan, who is active on social media, has also been using Skype to counsel the congregation's one new recruit.

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IRAQ

Chaos in Mosul after aid trucks come with food

Chaos erupted in eastern Mosul on Sunday when hundreds of civilians overwhelmed aid trucks distributing food and water.

The Iraqi government has called on Mosul's residents to stay in their homes during the operation to retake the city from the Islamic State group, hoping to avoid large-scale displacement, but as progress on the ground slows, hundreds of thousands are now stuck with dwindling food and water supplies.

The Iraqi government sent truckloads of food, heating oil and drinking water to residents in areas retaken from IS on Sunday, but few of the trucks could make it to civilians trapped near front-line fighting.

"There is no justice," Abu Ahmed said during a chaotic distribution in the Samah neighbourhood on the eastern edge of Mosul. "Some people took so many bags of food and others got nothing." He asked that his full name not be used out of security concerns.

While the trucks bore banners identifying them as distributing aid on behalf of the local government, there were no government or security officials present in Samah during the melee that ensued. Men, women and children fought over bags of flour and baskets of apples.

"We are desperate, this is the first time I've seen aid trucks," Abu Ahmed said. He said the food and water residents had stockpiled before the start of the operation had run out.

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Volunteers cook food for Shiite fighters and government forces in the village of Ayn al-Baidha, south of Mosul, Iraq on Dec. 4.
AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Italy's Premier loses referendum

Italian Premier Matteo Renzi says he is resigning after a stinging defeat on a constitutional reforms referendum that he staked his premiership on. The populist 5-Star Movement says it's poised to govern Italy. The Movement, led by comic Beppe Grillo, spearheaded the winning "No"-vote campaign in a referendum on constitutional reforms. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New Zealand stunned by PM's resignation

New Zealand's popular Prime Minister John Key stunned the nation on Monday when he announced he was resigning after eight years as leader. Key said he had made personal sacrifices and the role had taken a toll on his family. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Firefighters work to clear the debris from a doorway following an overnight fire that claimed the lives of at least 33 people on Saturday at a warehouse, in Oakland, Calif. The warehouse was hosting an electronic music party. GETTY IMAGES

Teens among dead after fire at warehouse party

OAKLAND

Number of victims rises as bodies uncovered

The death toll from a fire that tore through a warehouse hosting a late-night dance party climbed to 33 on Sunday as firefighters painstakingly combed through rubble for others believed to still be missing.

Less than half of the charred remains of the partly collapsed structure had been searched, and crews clearing debris were expected to find more bodies as they advanced, Alameda County Sheriff's Sgt. Ray Kelly said.

Officials said they have identified seven people who were killed.

Among them is Donna Kellogg, according to her father, Keith Slocum. He declined additional comment.

Kelly said those killed range in age from teenagers to 30-plus years old.

Anxious family members who feared the worst gathered at the sheriff's office to await word on their loved ones. They were told they may have to provide DNA samples to help identify remains.

The building known as the "Ghost Ship" had been carved into artist studios and was an illegal home for a rotating cast of a dozen or more people, according to former denizens who said it was a cluttered death trap with few exits, piles of wood and a mess of snaking electric cords.

"If you were going there for a party, you wouldn't be aware of the maze that you have to go through to get out," said Danielle Boudreaux, a former friend of the couple who ran the warehouse.

As many as 100 people were there for a party Friday night when the fire broke out just before midnight. Fire officials were still investigating the cause of the blaze, but they said clutter fuelled the flames, there were no sprinklers inside and few exits to escape.

Boudreaux identified the operators of the Satya Yuga collective as Derick Ion Almena and Micah Allison. She had a falling out with Almena when she convinced Allison's parents and sister about a year ago that the warehouse was a dangerous place for the couple's three children to live.

The couple rented out five recreational vehicles and other nooks on the ground floor as living spaces. A rickety makeshift staircase led to a second floor where concerts were held. Former residents said there frequently was no electricity or running water. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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STANDING ROCK

Feds block Dakota Access oil pipeline route

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Sunday that it won't grant an easement for the Dakota Access oil pipeline in southern North Dakota, handing a victory to the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and its supporters, who argued the project would threaten a water source and cultural sites.

North Dakota's leaders criticized the decision, with Gov. Jack Dalrymple calling it a "serious mistake" that "prolongs the dangerous situation" of having several hundred protesters who are camped out on federal land during cold, wintry weather. U.S. Rep. Kevin Cramer said it's a "very chilling signal" for the future of infrastructure in the United States.

The four-state, $3.8 billion project is largely complete except for the now-blocked segment underneath Lake Oahe, a Missouri River reservoir. Assistant Secretary for Civil Works Jo-Ellen Darcy said that her decision was based on the need to "explore alternate routes."

"Although we have had continuing discussion and exchanges of new information with the Standing Rock Sioux and Dakota Access, it's clear that there's more work to do," Darcy said. "The best way to complete that work … is to explore alternate routes."

The company constructing the pipeline, Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners, had said it was unwilling to reroute the project. It had no comment Sunday.

Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier, whose department has done much of the policing for the protests, said that "local law enforcement does not have an opinion" on the easement and that his department will continue to "enforce the law."

U.S. Secretary for the Interior Sally Jewell said in a statement that the Corps' "thoughtful approach … ensures that there will be an in-depth evaluation of alternative routes for the pipeline and a closer look at potential impacts."

Standing Rock Sioux tribal chairman Dave Archambault didn't immediately respond to messages left seeking comment.

The federal government has ordered people to leave the Oceti Sakowin, or Seven Council Fires, encampment on Army Corps of Engineers' land by Monday. But demonstrators say they're prepared to stay, and authorities say they won't forcibly remove them.

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Gift of financial well-being

HOLIDAY

Retailers make it easier to bestow things of lasting value

Instead of the latest toy or gadget, some people are trying to give their loved ones more financial security this holiday season.

While it's long been possible to hand out cash, buy stock or contribute to college savings plans, financial institutions and retailers are making it easier to bestow a gift with lasting value.

Among them is Stockpile, a company in the U.S. that sells gift cards that can be redeemed for stock, which is rolling its products out to more than 14,000 stores this holiday season after seeing success at other retailers. College savings plan administrators, which see contributions peak at the holidays, have been adding new ways to donate.

Financial gifts can be tricky, though — givers need to be aware of the tax and social implications.

Ann Coulsen, an assistant professor at Kansas State's Institute of Personal Financial Planning, called such gifts a "wonderful and practical idea." But a recipient who wants something "now" might not appreciate it, she said. It may take some explanation of how stocks or savings plans work. And if money causes resentment within a family, it may not be worth it.

Here's a look at the ins and outs of some popular financial gifts:

CASH

Cash is easy to get and easy to give, but it doesn't build value the way other options do. And for a large gift, be aware of the tax rules.

Giving a small amount of money each year is a common estate planning tool, but gifts from one person to another may be needed to be reported by the giver on their taxes and may be subject to gift and estate taxes. You may want to consider taking that cash and putting it in mutual fund or other longer-term investment.

COLLEGE SAVINGS

A popular suggestion by financial planners for gifts to young children is contributing to a college savings plan.

College savings plans may grow tax-free, and withdrawals for educational expenses may also be untaxed. The giver may get a tax break as well.

To give you either need to establish a savings plan or contribute to an existing one, which requires knowing a few personal details. There are also third-party options that require less legwork.

Cash is easy to give, but it doesn't build value the way other options do. ISTOCK

STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS

The average debt at graduation for a bachelor's degree was $35,000 US last year, so a worthwhile gift for many young people may be helping pay that down.

A check will suffice or you can pay the lender directly.

STOCK

Giving stock is a way to encourage an interest in investing over the long term. The giver may avoid the capital gain consequences of cashing in the shares themselves. But the tax implications for the recipient are tricky depending on their age, the value of the stock and more — so it may be worth consulting a professional.

In the United States, people without brokerage accounts or those who want to start small can even buy stock at the checkout line. Stockpile, which is sold in about 40 retail chains like Target, Safeway and Kroger, allows someone to buy a gift card for a dollar amount worth of stock, rather than the price for a share. Purchases can be as small as $1. Putting it in gift-card form makes it easier to give stock as a gift, says Dan Schatt of Stockpile.

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ANIMAL HEALTH

Cattle undergo TB tests

More than 22,000 cattle at farms in Alberta and Saskatchewan are quarantined due to bovine tuberculosis, causing hardship for ranchers and millions in compensation payments and other costs.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is testing cattle to determine the extent of the outbreak and the source of the contagious bacterial infection. So far six cattle have tested positive for bovine TB, all from one infected herd.

Dr. Harpreet Kochhar, the agency's chief veterinary officer, says generally bovine TB does not pose a threat to the public. The bacteria can travel through the air and could pose a threat if a person inhaled it for months.

Canada has been officially free of the disease since the 1920s, but has had a few cases from time to time. The U.S. is currently dealing with some bovine TB cases. Maintaining the TB-free status allows Canada to reassure trading partners and ensures Canadian beef producers can continue to export their products to multiple countries.

The CFIA says about 10,000 cattle are to be destroyed. These cattle will be tested before they are slaughtered. Any animal that shows any reaction to the test will be disposed of and will not enter the food chain. CFIA inspectors will double check the carcasses of any animals that test negative.

Bovine TB has been found in wild animals in the past, but the bacteria in this outbreak is linked to a strain found in Mexico that hasn't been detected in Canada before. The TB could be from a person who had the disease or from an animal that was imported into Canada.

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INVESTMENTS

Canadian corporations selling off art collections

When Xerox Canada moved its Toronto headquarters in August, it just couldn't find a place for Dance of the Owl, a square stonecut-and-stencil print of an Inuit child playing with a lively owl.

The print was consigned to Heffel Fine Art Auction House, which sold it for $600 in an online auction along with several other Xerox-owned works.

Vancouver-based Heffel Fine Art is the same auctioneer that raised a record $11.2 million at a live auction in Toronto of Group of Seven artist Lawren Harris' colourful Mountain Forms painting on Nov 23. The canvas was sold on behalf of Calgary-based owner Imperial Oil.

Both sales illustrate a growing interest by Canadian corporations to sell off their art collections, auction house owners say.

Like Xerox, Imperial's decision to sell the Harris painting and a major portion of the art it collected over 70 years is also related to a move.

Heffel president David Heffel said some companies built large art collections in the 1970s and '80s, but the buying stalled during an economic downturn in the early 1990s.

The slow economy, especially in Western Canada, is a factor for some corporate art sellers, but Heffel said a bigger influence is the trend toward open concept office design.

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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION

I want to buy an expensive Christmas gift for the person I've just started dating. Am I being too forward?

Dear Ellen,
What is the etiquette for buying Christmas presents when you've just started dating someone? I met a guy a week ago, and I already know exactly what to get him: a Low-Temperature Stirling Engine Kit from Lee Valley Tools. I don't know what it is, but he thought it was pretty cool, so I ordered one for him. But now I'm worried it might seem too forward? What do you think?

Signed,
Jenny

Dear Jenny,
I think this is a very lucky guy because I looked up the Low-Temperature Stirling Engine Kit, and it does look cool, though I can't tell if it makes tea or runs on tea. For $189 plus tax, I'm thinking it should maybe do both.

But you're right. It could seem forward if he's not thinking of you as a serious romantic partner/investment at this point. Maybe not as forward as a box of sex toys from your local love shop. But still problematic if he shows up empty-handed or (worse) with a cheap, thoughtless, last-minute chocolate orange from the drugstore.

Part of me loves the idea of giving him the cool, expensive engine kit, because I totally relate to shopping for The Perfect Gift. Unfortunately this sometimes results in buying fabulous, unique items for people I don't even like, and dumping defeatist gift certificates on loved ones who are hard to shop for. But when creative shopping is part of the fun, 'tis better to give, in my books.

Whatever social debacle that results will quickly clarify the terms of the relationship.

Then again, another part of me wants to advise against it, in case you show up with your magnificent gift and he shows up empty-handed, not wanting to seem forward himself. Worst-case scenario is that he feels terrible, bad, small and cheap because you in your enthusiasm have gone overboard so early in the relationship. You could possibly avoid this by dropping major hints well ahead of time, or even say outright that "Santa may be dropping something down my chimney for you" (which sounds both gross and suggestive, but you get the idea). Still, it's a risk.

On the upside, whatever social debacle that results will quickly clarify the terms of the relationship. If you've duly delivered the requisite gift-giving hints, and he still shows up empty-handed, you'll know you have someone on your hands who is a cheapskate, or an emotional trifler, or a clueless clod who can't take a hint, or all of the above. He, meanwhile, may conclude that you are a wonderful angel he's not worthy of, or an emotionally manipulative spendthrift he has to dump immediately.

It's also possible you'll both survive an awkward situation, and have a funny story for years to come. Why not? In the crapshoot that is Christmas, anything is possible. Even miracles.

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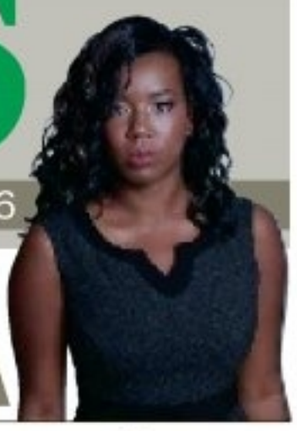

VICKY MOCHAMA

It's obvious we need to reform the Liberals' electoral-reform process

An all-party committee spent months listening to testimony from over 200 experts on how to reform our electoral system. The committee heard what the experts said and concluded it was time for an inexpert opinion. In their final recommendation, they said it would be best to ask the public via a referendum.

I'm not in favour of referenda. The question could be as simple as "Does Tim Horton's serve coffee? Yes or No?" and the ensuing public debate would be rancorous and divisive. The Yes camp would call into question the other side's patriotism while the No camp would wonder aloud if Tim Horton's coffee is technically coffee and not a "caffeinated liquid."("Of course, they serve coffee but what they really serve is unity in a time of uncertainty" is precisely the kind of column someone like me would write.)

There would be Facebook posts, Twitter debates and, oh God, imagine the hashtags. This being the future, a smart woman might say something like "Coffee is not for me," and would be besieged by coffee nationalists calling for her death. In 2013, Scottish comedian Susan Calman made jokes about the Scottish independence referendum for which she was sent death threats. Since I'm invested in a) making jokes about electoral minutiae and b) not dying, a referendum seems like a bad way to go.

The Liberals would rather not have a referendum either. Except that they too have decided to ask the public. The government will be mailing out postcards to 15 million households; the household will then go online to answer questions about their "values" pertaining to democratic reform. Family Game Night, watch out.

Despite all these gestures toward fact-finding and consultation, the Liberals seem uninterested in electoral reform now that they're in government. You can tell because during question period on Thursday, they decided to let Maryam Monsef make jokes about her colleagues. It did not go well, and she has since apologized. A quick way to kill a good conversation is to let earnest people do comedy.

Nonetheless, both options feel rather like punting the decision. Having watched the pound collapse after Brexit, I'd rather not stock up on gold bars and offshore accounts because of a vote on mixed-member proportional versus whatever the other option is. And answering questions online about my voting values is the least exciting activity the Internet has to offer.

A referendum, an online survey — the upshot of both is a lack of leadership and a dearth of decisiveness. After months of expert testimony and a cross-country tour by the minister, there ought to be an answer here. The public has already been consulted: we held an election last year and picked 338 people who should make some decisions.

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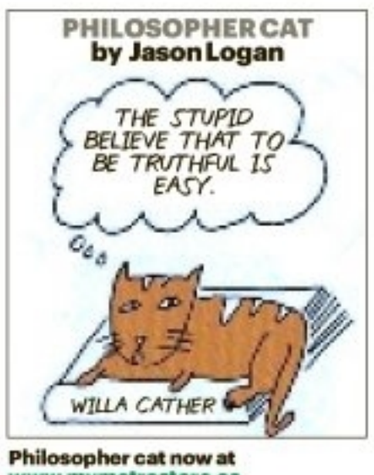

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RELATIONSHIPS

Young couples delay breaking up because they can't make rent alone

Megan Haynes
For Metro Canada

Annette Jones* knew she and her boyfriend of two years weren't going to last.

She'd been unhappy for months, and he was withdrawn. But they shared a large social circle. And she cared deeply for him.

She also couldn't afford to leave.

The 30-year-old from Kanata works in the service industry and doesn't make a lot of money. She didn't have much in the way of savings. She worried about making rent for a place on her own.

In short, she was too broke to break up. As the months dragged, she grew bitter and depressed.

"It made me feel helpless — like I was stuck, like I had no autonomy," she says.

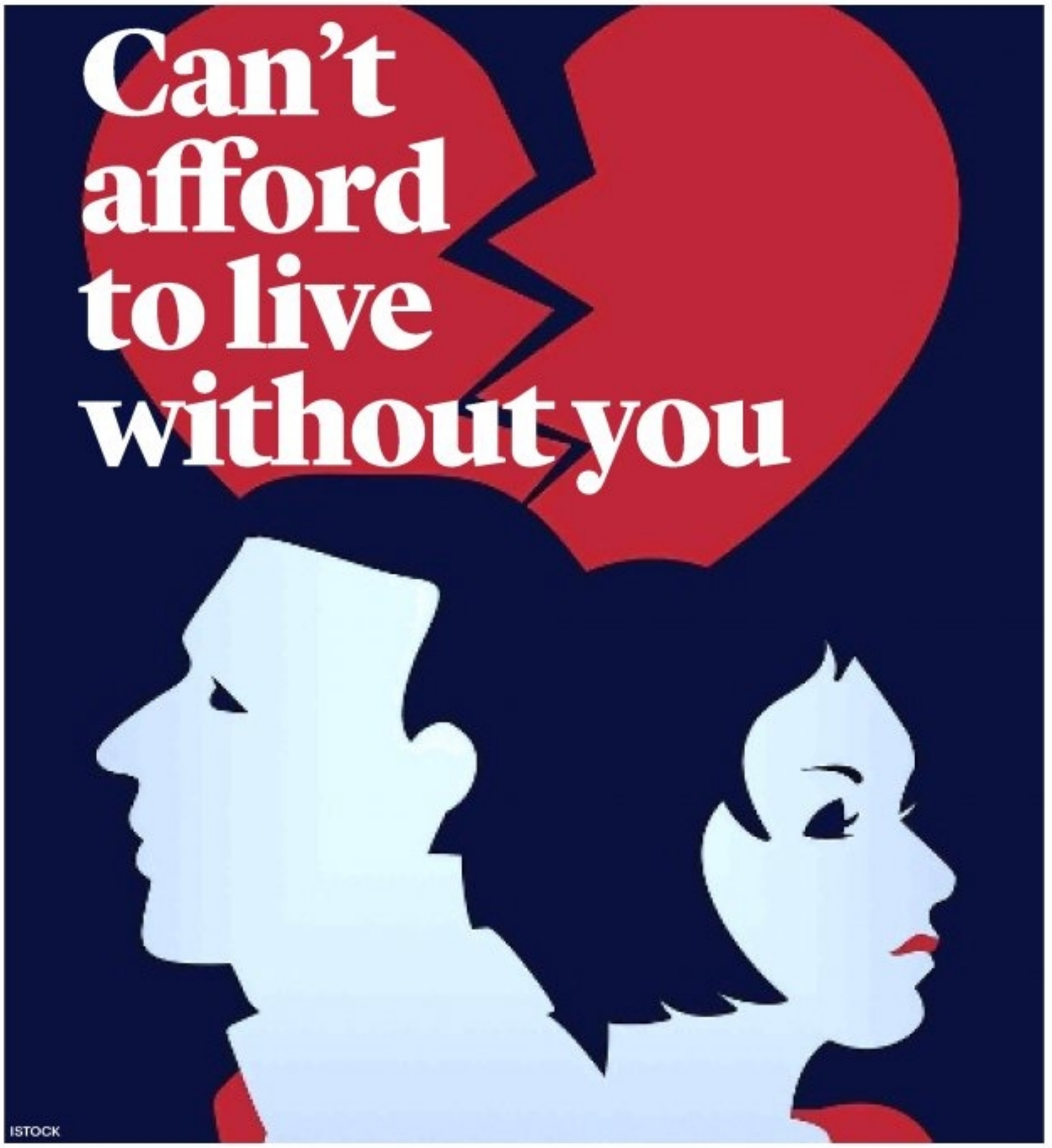
The pair did eventually break up, though Jones says the relationship probably lasted six months too long.

"I think we both just sort of ignored the issue because he was also aware that my financial situation would put me in a rough place," she says.

She stayed with friends for a few weeks, and her ex helped her cover first and last month's rent when she found an inexpensive place to live. But she had to dip into her credit, which stressed her out further.

She isn't alone: a recent study from TD Canada found half of millennials and gen-Xers who were divorced or separated were not financially prepared to live life solo, while another 23 percent delayed a breakup because of unexpected costs.

While millennials in particular are delaying marriage (the average age of marriage is 31 for men, 28 for women, according to Statistics Canada), opting instead for common-law partnerships (the number of common law relationships grew 16 per cent between 2006 and 2011, according to the most recent census), breakups remain an inevitability, though there are few stats tracking decoupling.



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But with generally lower wages and the high cost of living in cities, it can put a huge financial strain on couples — particularly those with young children, says Shelley Smith, a financial planner with TD.

"Breaking up is so, so stressful," she says. Preplanning is the key to alleviating this stress.

While no one plans for a breakup, it's important for couples to come up with contingencies, such as separate savings that both parties contribute equally to, she says. However you save money, it should leave each party in a position to manage finances solo short-term should something catastrophic (such as a breakup, or worse, death) happen.

Financial autonomy is the key for any relationship, says Shannon Lee Simmons, a financial planner and owner of The New School of Finance. It's not about financial independence, she says, rather both partners need to know what's happening with the money.

"I've seen a lot of time where one person is the financial quarterback of the household — they handle all the finances — and then (the couple) gets divorced and that can be a huge smack in the face for someone who's been hands-off," she says. "It's not even just divorce — what if someone passes away? Do you know enough about how to take the reins (of the household) and run with it?"

And in the end, it's never worth staying in a relationship over money fears: while it can be stressful, there's always a way to manage finances, Simmons says. "Breakups suck, they're hard on everyone, but they're often necessary and people do pop up on the other side OK."

*Name has been changed

$ WHEN IT ENDS

If you find yourself in a position where you aren't financially prepared to be on your own, here are a few ways to deal with the fallout.

- **Build a timeline.** If both parties can co-exist in the same space, such as in different suites in a shared home, having a set time down the road for decoupling can be a good way for both parties to get on their feet financially, says financial planner Shelley Smith.
- **Seek financial advice.** Smith says sometimes getting a third-party view on the situation can help. Financial planners can work with clients to identify goals and come up with a plan (as a couple or individually) to achieve those goals.
- **Stay with family or friends.** While Simmons acknowledges this isn't always a possibility, when you can tap into a support network, it can not only help ease financial stress but also be a good source of emotional help.

MONEY MATTERS

9 reasons to ditch debt now

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

It's impossible to describe how good it feels to owe nobody nuthin'. You can stop banging your head against the wall for having racked up debt. Just imagine all the money you'll save on Advil.

If you're still working your way to debt-free forever, here are nine reasons why you should keep pushing forward:

9. You can breathe. Having had the weight of that debt lifted off your chest, you can breathe easy. It feels soooo gooood not having a hippo sitting on you.

8. You can live in the present. Satisfy today's needs and wants instead of paying for the past. Have that latte without feeling like a total doofus because the money should be going to pay off your debt. Want to see a movie, buy a book or take the kids on vacation? Go right ahead. It's your money and you can do whatever you want with it.

7. You can brag to your kids. Use your experiences to teach them about money so they avoid the bad-debt traps. You may not have realized just where you were headed when you first decided not to pay off your credit card in full, but now you know. You can speak with authority when it comes to educating your kids about credit and how to use it wisely.

6. You don't have to worry about late fees and interest costs. Or where interest rates are going, or how the credit scoring system is jerking people around. You're in the clear. They can all go to hell.

5. You no longer have to dread going to the mailbox or answering your telephone.

4. You can afford to save. For your children's education, your own retirement, and anything you want to buy. The future looks good.

3. You can become the financial guru of your gang. Go ahead and try it. It feels fabulous to inspire and encourage family and friends to take control of their money and their lives.

2. You can give. Y'know, there are only three things you can do with money: spend, save and give. You already know how good it feels to spend; that's how you got into debt in the first place. And it's a great feeling watching your money grow. Giving comes with its own rush.

1. You can blow a raspberry at every credit app that comes through the door and every telemarketer who offers to lower your interest rate.

That might be the best feeling of all.

5 GIFTS FOR $25 OR LESS (THAT THEY'LL ACTUALLY WANT)

Chances are good you're buying gifts on a budget this year — or, frankly, there are people on your list you're only willing to spend $25 on. Here are some fun, quirky ideas that are sure to hit the mark.

LAUREN PELLEY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

1 A wild toolkit

Give someone an entire zoo with this handy and charming animal multi tool by Kikkerland. Heads up: it does include a small knife, so think twice before gifting this to kids. These go for $19.99 at Northwood General Store, **northwoodgeneral.ca**.

2 Trendy teapot

The lizzy royal purple teapot is the perfect mix of trendy and traditional for the tea lover on your list. It's made of porcelain and coated in touchable purple silicone, $22.95. Available at **cb2.com** and CB2 stores.

3 Cozy toque

When the temperature dips, the toques come out. This "expression hat" perfectly sums up winter in Canada: Freeeezing! It'll match any winter coat and it is a wool/nylon/viscose blend — in other words, it's not itchy, $24.50. Available at **chapters.indigo.ca** and Indigo stores.

4 Running buddy

If you know a running junkie, give them this personal item SPIbelt belt to hold things like keys and lip balm when they're out for a jog. Bonus: it's not a fanny pack, $23. Available at **mec.ca** and Mountain Equipment Co-op stores.

5 Keep it salty

For a classy kitchen touch, give someone this "French kitchen" marble salt cellar. It's neutral enough to match any decor, so no need to visit first to find out their colour palate, $24.95. Available at **crateandbarrel.com** and Crate and Barrel stores.

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Who will dress Melania Trump?

FASHION

Designers divided on working with next first lady

Marc Jacobs said he has "no interest whatsoever" in dressing Melania Trump, while **Tommy Hilfiger** told trade magazine Women's Wear Daily that he was willing. GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO

First-lady-to-be Melania Trump likely won't be wearing designer Tom Ford's clothes in the White House.

Some of the designers who clamoured to dress first lady Michelle Obama have been mixed about dressing Trump, a former model. Ford became the latest to weigh in on the matter during an appearance this week on The View.

The designer was asked to dress Melania Trump "quite a few years ago," and declined because "she's not necessarily my image," he said on the ABC chat show Wednesday.

Ford is a Democrat and voted for Hillary Clinton in the presidential election, he said, before adding that even if Clinton had won, she shouldn't have worn his clothes because "they're too expensive." His clothes cost a lot to make and the president needs to "relate to everybody," he said.

Asked if Melania Trump should wear expensive clothes, Ford replied: "I'm going to leave that to Melania."

> **I was asked to dress her quite a few years ago and I declined. She's not necessarily my image.**
> Designer Tom Ford

Ford was willing to dress first lady Michelle Obama for a London visit with Queen Elizabeth II in 2011 and isn't the first to be less enthusiastic about outfitting Trump.

Sophie Theallet, whose designs have been worn by Michelle Obama on several occasions, wrote in an open letter last month that she would not dress Melania Trump, and specifically brought up politics in urging her colleagues to take the same tact.

"The rhetoric of racism, sexism, and xenophobia unleashed by her husband's presidential campaign are incompatible with the shared values we live by," Theallet wrote.

The letter prompted Women's Wear Daily to survey other prominent designers on the question of working with Trump, who began modelling in Paris and Milan at age 16 before settling in New York 20 years ago.

Cynthia Rowley told WWD the question was "somewhat irrelevant," since Trump can simply buy whatever she wants to wear.

"Checking someone's ethical beliefs before they're allowed to purchase sets up an exclusionary dynamic that feeds into the exact mentality that is preventing us from moving forward in a positive direction," Rowley said.

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Discomfiting parade of jokes

JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

THE SHOW: Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life, Episode 2 (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: The gay pride discussion

"Two months ago I announced that we would hold the first annual Stars Hollow Gay Pride Parade," Taylor (Michael Winters) says at a town hall meeting. "But there just aren't enough gays in Stars Hollow."

"How is that possible?" asks Lorelai (Lauren Graham).

"We have such cute houses," says Babette (Sally Struthers).

"So far the list is miniscule," Taylor says. "We have Donald."

"Hi, everybody," trills Donald (Sam Pancake), sporting a lavender tee and white blazer, très Miami Vice.

"I have contacted neighbouring mayors to see if they'll lend us some of their gays, but so far not a one has cooperated," Taylor says.

"We leant them our riding mowers one year," a townsman says. "Why can't they lend us their gays?"

I have a weakness for the song "Feel Like Makin' Love" by Bad Company. It may be cheesy but I can't tell, because I was 13 when it dropped, and it carved a neural pathway of happiness. This is the only way I can explain why people are sniffle-smiling through this 10-years-later sequel to Gilmore Girls, the series.

I didn't watch the show, so its crazy veers from snappy pop culture references to sappy nostalgia to fairly tough emotional confrontations is somewhat baffling to me. (I find the conversation above embarrassing; others see charming.)

That said, it does radiate a woodstove's worth of warmth, and maybe we need that, with all the cold, sheeting fear we're feeling after the U.S. election. FYI, my fave pop culture reference: Sooki's rooster, Cogburn.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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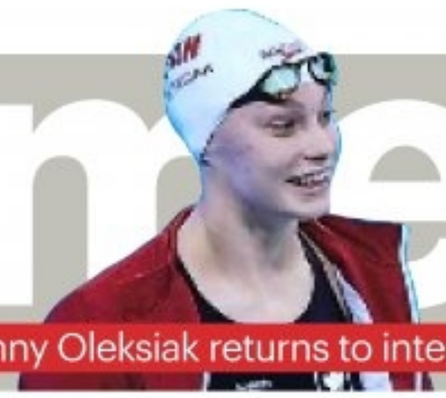

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Penny Oleksiak returns to international competition at the FINA world short-course championships on Tuesday in Windsor, Ont.

Win No. 201 for Brady

NFL

Patriots star becomes winningest QB ever in league

Tom Brady now stands alone when it comes to career wins by an NFL quarterback.

Brady became the league's leader in victories among QBs, earning his 201st by throwing for 269 yards and a touchdown to lead the New England Patriots past the struggling Los Angeles Rams 26-10 on Sunday.

Brady, who was 33 of 46, had tied Peyton Manning last week in a win over the New York Jets.

"It's always been about winning, and I've been very fortunate to be on a lot of great teams," Brady said of reaching the milestone. "I'm just really grateful."

His lone touchdown pass came on a 14-yard pass to Chris Hogan in the first quarter. LeGarrette Blount scored the game's first touchdown, rumbling for a 43-yard, ankle-breaking score in the first quarter while spinning around safety Maurice Alexander in the process. He finished with 88 yards on 18 carries.

The Patriots (10-2) have won seven of their last eight as they prepare for a tough stretch against three teams with winning records over their final four regular-season games.

They may be forced to face one or more of them without receiver Danny Amendola, who left Sunday's game in the third quarter with an ankle injury, and was later spotted in the tunnel post-game walking on crutches.

Should he miss any playing time, it would be the latest blow to a team that's already lost tight end Rob Gronkowski to season-ending back surgery last week.

On the same day that Los Angeles coach Jeff Fisher and general manager Les Snead were given contract extensions, the recently relocated Rams (4-8) proved they still have a long way to go after losing for the seventh time in eight outings.

The Rams entered the game ranked 31st in total offence, averaging just 295 yards per game. Those struggles continued Sunday. They managed just 25 yards in the first half, the fewest by a team in a game this season.

Los Angeles was outgained 402-162 for the game.

In his third career start, rookie Jared Goff was picked off twice, completing 14 of 32 passes for 161 yards.

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Patriots quarterback Tom Brady completed 33 of 46 pass attempts for 269 yards and a touchdown against the Rams on Sunday in Foxborough, Mass. MADDIE MEYER/GETTY IMAGES

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Carolina at Seahawks*

Monday
Colts at Jets

*Sunday's late game

GOLF

Tiger in good health in return

The return of Tiger Woods was more about the big picture than any of his big numbers.

And that started with the sight of that red shirt on Sunday.

Woods grumbled about three more double bogeys in the final round of the Hero World Challenge. Considering how badly he has felt in the 15 months since he last played, he still was able to keep it in perspective.

Tiger Woods GETTY IMAGES

"It feels good to be back out here playing again, competing and trying to beat the best players in the world," Woods said. "I missed it. I love it."

He even loved some of his golf at Albany.

Woods made 24 birdies, the most of anyone this week. He also had six double bogeys, three of them in the final round. The last one on the final hole, his third of the week on the 18th, gave him a 4-over 76. It was the highest score of the tournament, and he finished 15th (4 over par) in the 17-man field.

The other players were not about to measure him by his score — not yet, anyway.

"It's great to see him back and healthy and playing. I want to see him up in contention and try to beat him when it matters the most," said British Open champion Henrik Stenson, who finished second.

"Give him three or four tournaments, maybe six tournaments, maybe around the Masters. It's easy to overanalyze a very limited amount of golf."

"What he did here showed that he's certainly up for the task and his game is there. He's ready to go," Jordan Spieth said. "Even with Tiger, every time we set expectations, he exceeds them."

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CURLING

Jones bests Homan to win Canada Cup

Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones downed Ottawa's Rachel Homan 9-5 to win the women's 2016 Canada Cup of Curling title.

Jones took a 5-0 lead after a steal of four in the third end and cruised to the third Canada Cup title of her career.

Homan and Jones have both already earned a spot in next year's Olympic curling trials.

"For me it was just getting back on the ice after having (daughter Skyla) and just seeing where we're at," Jones said. "We have another year until the trials to try and improve. We know we're going to have to beat a bunch of good teams at the trials in order to win and you're going to need some luck as well."

Jennifer Jones GETTY IMAGES

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IN BRIEF

Switzerland's Gut back on top at Lake Louise

Lara Gut of Switzerland won Sunday's super-G at the Lake Louise World Cup. It was her third super-G victory at the Alberta resort after wins in 2014 and 2013.

The race was delayed and shortened due to heavy snow.

Gut's time was one minute 2.68 seconds. Tina Weirather of Liechtenstein was second a tenth of a second back.

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PREMIER LEAGUE

Late lapses cost Liverpool, United

Individual errors proved costly for Liverpool and Manchester United on a day of late goals and incredible comebacks in English soccer on Sunday.

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Manchester United has just two wins since Aug. 27.

Liverpool conceded three goals in the final 20 minutes to lose 4-3 at Bournemouth in the Premier League. The collapse was sealed when Liverpool goalkeeper Loris Karius fumbled a shot in the third minute of injury time, gifting Nathan Ake the chance to grab the winner.

Hours later, United was held 1-1 at Everton after Marouane Fellaini conceded an 88th-minute penalty with a clumsy foul, two minutes after coming on as a substitute. Leighton Baines scored from the spot.

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THE WINNER

Hideki Matsuyama finished at 18 under par to earn his third straight win.

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Fun Margherita Pizza Waffles

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

When Pizza met Waffles; it's a love story between our favourite-ever foods and it ends with an irresistible dinner on your plate. Cue applause.

Ready in 15 minutes
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 3 cups spelt flour
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup cubed mozzarella
- freshly chopped basil
- 1/4 cup fresh shaved Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup marinara sauce

Directions

1. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and garlic powder. Add the milk; stir until blended.

2. Heat your waffle iron to desired temperature.

3. Ladle the batter into preheated waffle iron and sprinkle with 1/4 cup mozzarella and basil. Cook the waffles until golden and crisp.

4. Serve immediately with an extra sprinkle of mozzarella, Parmesan cheese and a side of marinara sauce for dipping.

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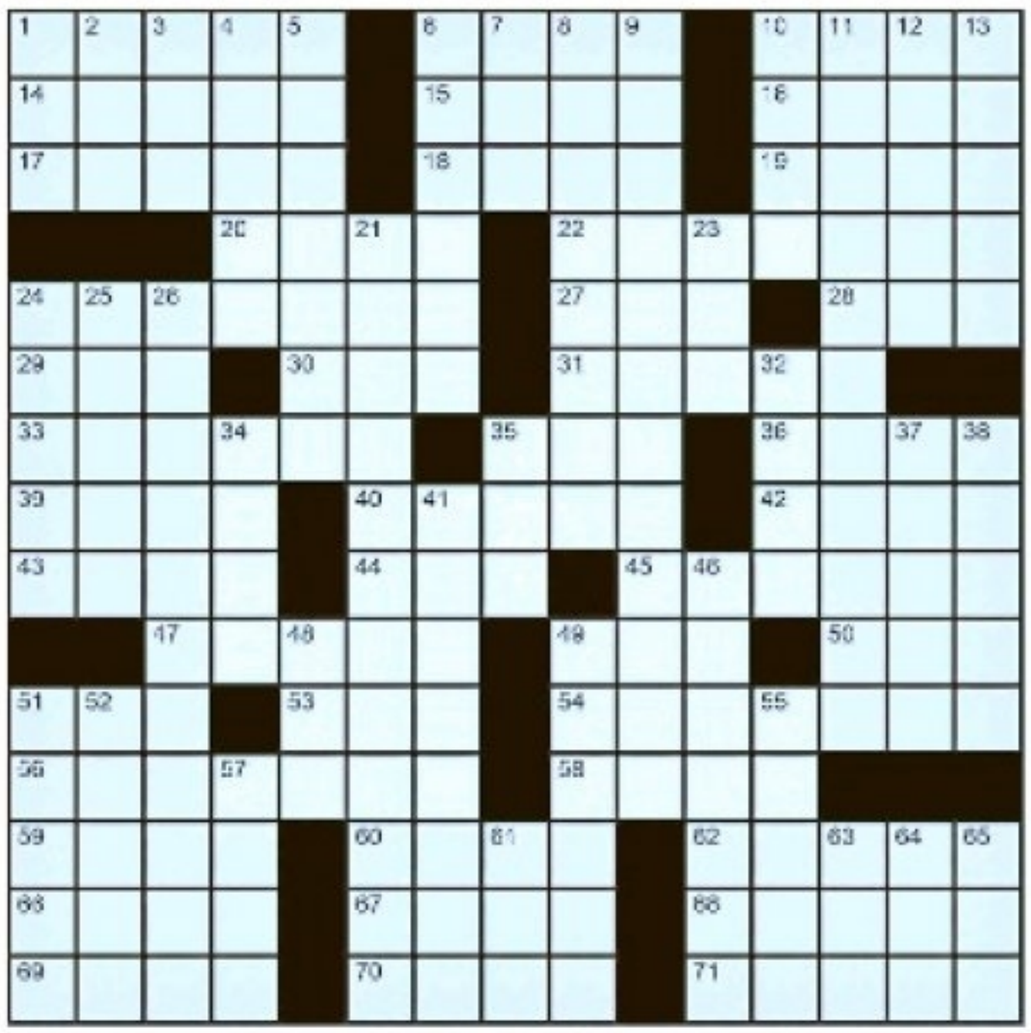
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. "Close but no _."
6. Anti-apartheid activist Desmond
10. Chew at
14. Famous beach in Australia
15. Preachy positive
16. Puerto _
17. Pre-surgery cleanse
18. Tussle
19. Mr. Stravinsky
20. Drip-drop reason
22. Elvis: Graceland's location
24. Bitter
27. Classic range cooker company
28. Ka-boom-er!
29. Tic-Tac-Toe loser
30. Raggedy Ann's hair
31. Big name in dance in Saint Petersburg
33. Saskatchewan village; or, "CHiPs" star Larry
35. "For _ a jolly good..."
36. Told a tale
39. Family suffix in zoology
40. _ your own course
42. _ _ other (Without equals)
43. Mr. Saarinen of architecture
44. Asleep
45. Figurine
47. Old Testament hymn
49. Rock logo insurance co.
50. City in Florida, briefly
51. Kingston Trio hit
53. Science eggs
54. Get even more suds off
56. Hurry up and enter: 3 wds.
58. 'Peculiar'-meaning prefix
59. Actor, Corbin _
60. Mineral deposit
62. "Are we still _ _ Saturday?" (Weekend-planner's query)
66. Ailments
67. Ms. Tyler's
68. 'U' of UHF
69. Knight's adventurous tale
70. Modify manuscripts
71. Actor, Max von Who?

DOWN
1. TV network
2. World games org.
3. Slash's rock gr.
4. _ Contemporary (Music category)
5. Alfonso of "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air"
6. Assigned to a chore
7. Li'l baseball official
8. Coffee preparer's opposite: 2 wds.
9. Not officially recorded
10. Film set job
11. The painting at #21-Down is featured on the cover of what 1973 Bruce Cockburn album?: 2 wds.
12. "Does anybody have _ _?" (Pre-game toss query)
13. Brooklyn Bridge tune: "_ That Could Happen"
21. Canadian artist (b.1920 - d.2013) of 1954 iconic painting Horse and Train: 2 wds.
23. Wreck
24. Mr. Mandel of "America's Got Talent"
25. Rusty stuff, Iron _
26. Green energy additions to homes: 2 wds.
32. Patron saint of Norway
34. Corp. leaders
35. Chapeau: English
37. Tech sch. grads
38. "Republic of _"
41. Man-like robot
46. Raging
48. Get an '_' _, as per school assignments
49. Man of the collar
51. Canadian chocolate bar: 2 wds.
52. Bridal fabric
55. "If _ _ Had a Brain": The Scarecrow's theme
57. Dethrone
61. Gladiator's 506
63. Bouquet delivery letters
64. _-Medonte (Ontario township)
65. Sore

✷ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a great day to schmooze and enjoy the company of others. However, postpone important decisions until tomorrow. Shop for gas or food only.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Details about your personal life might be more public than you expect them to be today. Someone is checking you out. Postpone important decisions until tomorrow.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You might want to make travel plans or explore matters in medicine and the law. Do your research and homework, but wait until tomorrow to initiate any action.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a poor day to make decisions about shared property, taxes, debt, inheritances and insurance matters. Just do your homework and get the facts.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others today because the Moon is opposite your sign. This is a good day to be social. Keep things light.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Be careful at work today, because this is a bad day to volunteer for anything or agree to anything important. Just keep your head down and your powder dry.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a wonderful, creative, fun-loving day! Use today's energy for artistic projects, schmoozing with others and enjoying playful activities with children.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a good day to play hooky and just stay at home. Don't shop for anything other than gas and food. Don't make important decisions.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a loosey-goosey day. Short trips, errands and conversations with everyone will be pleasant. Don't expect too much from others or yourself. Just coast.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Avoid important financial decisions today. If shopping, buy gas, food or minor things only — no major purchases.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You might feel more emotional than usual today, because the Moon is in your sign. You will also feel a bit disconnected and indecisive. No worries, because this feeling is gone by tomorrow.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
People are impressed with you. However, take note: Don't volunteer for anything today, and do not agree to anything important. Postpone important decisions until tomorrow.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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